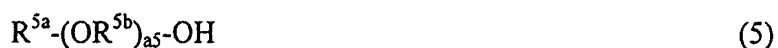


**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. **(Currently Amended)** A liquid detergent composition comprising (a) 5 to 50 mass% of an anionic surfactant containing a hydrocarbon group having 10 to 18 carbon atoms, (b) 1 to 15 mass% of an amine oxide surfactant containing a hydrocarbon group having 10 to 18 carbon atoms, 0.1 to 10 mass% of (c) selected from the group consisting of the followings (c-1), (c-2) and (c-3), and (d) water and (e) magnesium in an amount of 0.01 to 2 percent by mass:

(c-1) 2-ethylhexyl monoglyceryl ether;

(c-2) a compound represented by the following formula (5):



wherein  $R^{5a}$  represents a 2-ethylhexyl group,  $R^{5b}$  represents an alkylene group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms and  $a5$  denotes a number of 2 to 5 on the average; and

(c-3) a compound represented by the following formula (6)



wherein  $R^{6a}$  represents a group selected from 2-ethylhexyl, isononyl and isodecyl,  $R^{6b}$  represents an alkylene group having 2 to 4 carbon atoms, G represents a residue derived from reducing sugar,  $a6$  denotes a number of 0 to 6 on the average; and  $b6$  denotes a number of 1 to 5 on the average.

2. **(Original)** The liquid detergent composition according to Claim 1, wherein the ratio by mass of (a)/(b) is 20/1 to 1/1.

3. (Withdrawn) A method of washing a hard surface, comprising applying a flexible material impregnated with the undiluted liquid detergent composition as claimed in Claim 1 or Claim 2 to the hard surface.

4. (NEW) A liquid detergent composition comprising (a) 5 to 50 mass% of an anionic surfactant containing a hydrocarbon group having 10 to 18 carbon atoms, (b) 1 to 15 mass% of an amine oxide surfactant containing a hydrocarbon group having 10 to 18 carbon atoms, 0.1 to 10 mass% of (c-1) 2-ethylhexyl monoglyceryl ether, (d) water and (e) magnesium in an amount of 0.01 to 2 percent by mass.

5. (NEW) The liquid detergent composition according to Claim 4, wherein the ratio by mass of (a)/(b) is 20/1 to 1/1.